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LIMDIS//FOR AMBASSADOR ENDERS FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS - POSSIBLE BILATERAL MEETING WITH JAMIESON

1. I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH CANADA CONCERNING OUR DIFFERENCES OVER RESOURCE POLICY AND SPECIFICALLY PRODUCTION CONTROLS ON SEABED MINERAL PRODUCTION. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE ON HOW WE MIGHT MOST USEFULLY PROCEED TO WORK OUT WITH THE CANADIANS AN ACCEPTABLE ACCOMMODATION ON THIS VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE.

2. AS YOU WELL KNOW, ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH DON JAMIESON HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED, WHETHER BECAUSE OUR TWO SCHEDULES COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE A MEETING OR BECAUSE OF BLOCKING ACTION BY CANADIAN OFFICIALS WHO FEAR JAMIESON'S
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POSSIBLE SOFTNESS ON THE ISSUE, I CANNOT SAY. THE FACT IS THAT FOR AT LEAST FIVE MONTHS WE HAVE GONE BACK AND FORTH VAINLY TRYING TO WORK OUT A MEETING.

3. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET TO OTTAWA BEFORE I LEAVE FOR GENEVA ON MARCH 19. I HAD CONSIDERED SENDING JAMIESON A PERSONAL MESSAGE BEFORE GENEVA SOLICITING HIS

SUPPORT FOR A REASONABLE FORMULA TO RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES ON PRODUCTION CONTROLS BUT DOUBT THAT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE OR WISE. I THINK I MUST WORK CLOSELY WITH BEESLEY, DIFFICULT THOUGHT THAT WILL BE, WITHOUT AT THIS TIME INVOKING JAMIESON'S HELP TO TRY TO FIND FORMULATIONS WHICH ARE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE. I AM WELL AWARE OF BEESLEY'S CAPACITY TO UNDERCUT ANY GENERALIZED UNDERSTANDING I MIGHT REACH WITH JAMIESON IF I BYPASS HIM. IF BEESLEY AND I CAN GET CLOSE TO SOME ARRANGEMENT IN GENEVA AFTER MARCH 28, I MIGHT THEN COMMUNICATE WITH JAMIESON AND ASK HIM TO WEIGH IN TO CLINCH A DEAL BY INSTRUCTING BEESLEY TO GO WHATEVER REMAINING SHORT DISTANCE MAY BE NECESSARY.

4. I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE GIVEN A GOOD DEAL OF THOUGHT TO OUR LOS PROBLEMS WITH THE CANADIANS AND TO THE REASONS WHY A MEETING BETWEEN JAMIESON AND ME HAS BEEN SO HARD TO ARRANGE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS MATTER IN LIGHT OF MY THOUGHTS IN PARAGRAPH THREE ABOVE AND LET ME KNOW YOUR VIEWS. I WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON MARCH 17 AND AFTER AN OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT IN FLORIDA ON THE WEEKEND DEPART FOR GENEVA MARCH 19. I PLAN TO REMAIN IN GENEVA FROM MARCH 20 UNTIL THE END OF THE CONFERENCE ON MAY 19 AND CAN BE REACHED THROUGH OUR MISSION THERE.

5. WITH KIND REGARD.
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